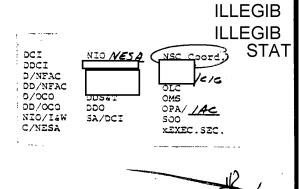
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(REOPENING 13)

TAKE 3 OF 3--13 ([RAN ORDERS PROBE): /// ACTION WOULD BE.)



(TEXT) A SOURCE CLOSE TO RELIGIOUS LEADER AYATOLLAH RUHOLLAH KHOMEYNI SAID THE TWO AIRCRAFT PROBABLY CRASHED BETWEEN YAZD AND TABAS, IF SUCH AN ACCIDENT DID HAPPEN.

YAZD IS 650 KMS (400 MILES) SOUTHEAST OF HERE, BELOW THE SALT DESERT OF DASHT-E-KAVIR, AND TABAS IS ABOUT 420 KMS (250 MILES) NORTHWEST OF YAZD.

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